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SUBJECT:US/JAPAN DISCUSSIONS ON BILLFISH

1. FISHATT IS AWARE THAT DEPT. HAS BEEN PLANNING TO HOLD MEETING THIS JULY WITH GOJ OFFICIALS ON BILLFISH, AND THAT THIS HAS BEEN INFORMALLY RAISED BY MR. CARMEN BLONDIN OF DEPT. OF COMMERCE WITH GOJ OFFICIALS. FORMAL INVITATION SHOULD NOW BE ISSUED BY EMBASSY TO GOJ SUGGESTING THAT MEETING ON BILLFISH BE HELD IN WASHINGTON JULY 11-13. IN ISSUING INVITATION, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE GOJ AWARE OF FOLLOWING:

(A) DISCUSSIONS WILL BE BILATERAL. OTHER NATIONS INVOLVED (KOREA AND REPUBLIC OF CHINA) WILL BE APPROACHED
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AT A LATER TIME .

(B) PURPOSE OF DISCUSSIONS WILL BE TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN, IF NECESSARY, TO HELP CONSERVE BILLFISH STOCKS IN BOTH ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC OCEANS, AS WELL AS TO CONSIDER WHAT PRACTICAL MEASURES MIGHT BE TAKEN BY JAPANESE FISHERMEN TO AVOID EXCESSIVE BILLFISH

CATCHES IN U.S. 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE IN ATLANTIC, GULF
OF MEXICO, AND WESTERN PACIFIC. SUCH MEASURES MIGHT

INCLUDE TIME AND AREA RESTRICTIONS, MINIMUM HOOK DEPTHS,
AND OTHER MEASURES TO AVOID RETENTION AND CAPTURE OF
BILLFISH.

(C) WE BELIEVE SCIENTISTS OF BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE
INVOLVED AND PREPARED TO EXAMINE AVAILABLE DATA ON BILLFISH.

(D) HOPEFULLY DISCUSSIONS WILL LEAD TO EXCHANGE OF
NOTES SETTING FORTH UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS ON
WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED.

2. DUE TO SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE
INDICATION AS TO ACCEPTABILITY OF PROPOSED DATES ASAP.
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